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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, MU, US

SUBJECT: SULTAN OF OMAN'S VISIT--NEW REQUEST AND CHANGE

REF: STATE 1963

1. WE WERE UNABLE TO CONTACT ZAWAWI UNTIL MORNING JANUARY 7. HE HAD JUST LEARNED FROM AMBASSADOR MACKI THAT SULTAN'S CALL ON PRESIDENT HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR 1430 THURSDAY AFTERNOON. CONSEQUENTLY PARTY DESIRES TO ARRIVE LATER. THEY SUGGEST 1230 OR 1300, ALLOWING ADEQUATE TIME FOR TRIP TO BLAIR HOUSE AND MEETING WITH SECRETARY OF STATE AT BLAIR HOUSE SHORTLY BEFORE CALL ON PRESIDENT, PRESUMABLY 1400 OR 1415. THEY WERE CONCERNED, HOWEVER, NOT TO INTERFERE WITH ANY LUNCHEON ENGAGEMENTS SECRETARY MAY HAVE THAT DATE. PLEASE ADVISE URGENTLY PREFERRED TIME OF ARRIVAL, AS BETWEEN 1230 AND 1300.

2. NEW REQUEST IS FOR DEMONSTRATION OF US LIGHT ARMORED VEHICLES (APC'S). OMANIS ARE LOOKING FOR AN UNTRACKED REPEAT UNTRACKED LIGHT VEHICLE WHICH CAN MANEUVER AT HIGH SPEEDS IN HOT CLIMATES. THEY WOULD APPRECIATE SUCH DEMONSTRATION ON SATURDAY IF POSSIBLE. AS OF THIS MOMENT IT IS NOT CLEAR IF LANDON WILL BE GOING ON TRIP. IF HE WENT HE WOULD ATTEND DEMONSTRATION TOGETHER WITH COLONEL  
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HARCOURT. SULTAN MIGHT ATTEND IT AS WELL. PLEASE AD-

WISE URGENTLY.

3. ZAWAWI CHECKING WITH SULTAN AS TO PRESS COVERAGE AND  
USIA/VOA INTERVIEW.

4. HE UNDERSTOOD AND DID NOT POSE OBJECTION TO FACT  
WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT PLANNED BUT NO COMMUNIQUE (PER  
PARA 6 AND 7 REFTEL).

5. OMANIS WILL ALSO ABIDE BY USG CUSTOM AND REFRAIN FROM  
EXCHANGING GIFTS (PARA 8 REFTEL).

6. WE EXPECT HAVE NAMES OF SERVANTS LATER TODAY. NONE  
REPEAT NONE SPEAKS ENGLISH (ALTHOUGH IT IS POSSIBLE ONE  
OR TWO HAVE INKLINGS OF THE LANGUAGE).

7. RE OFFICIAL CALLS (PARA 4 REFTEL) ZAWAWI TELLS US  
THEIR DESIRE IS FOR BASIC GROUP ACCOMPANYING SULTAN TO BE  
TARIK, ZAWAWI AND ADVISORS OMAR AND SHAKER (LONDON  
16723). MACKI COULD COME BUT ONLY AFTER THESE OTHERS.  
GROUP SHOULD BE EXPANDED FOR PENTAGON VISIT TO INCLUDE  
COLONEL LONDON, IF HE MANAGES TO COME ON TRIP. MINISTER  
RAJAB MIGHT OR MIGHT NOT ACCOMPANY DEPENDING ON HOW BIG  
MEETINGS WERE. HOWEVER, ZAWAWI IS PREPARED TO TAKE OUR  
ADVICE ON SIZE OF GROUP FOR MEETING WITH PRESIDENT.  
WE HAVE TOLD HIM SUCH CALLS ARE NORMALLY CUT TO SMALL  
GROUP AND THAT DEPARTMENT MAY PREFER TO HAVE AMBASSADOR  
MACKI INCLUDED FOR PURPOSES OF CONTINUITY ON THE SPOT.  
PLEASE ADVISE URGENTLY.

8. AIRCRAFT WILL TAKE JP 4 FUEL (PARA 9 REFTEL), AND  
WILL ACCEPT MARIOTT CATERING PER PARA 10 REFTEL, CONTACT-  
ING CATERING SERVICE TELEPHONE NUMBER ON ARRIVAL.

9. PLEASE REPLY BY IMMEDIATE CABLE.  
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